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ALSO PASS TREASURY AND COMMERCE

STATE FOR ASST SEC MINK AND DEPT ASST SEC VELIOTES;
TREASURY FOR ASST SEC BERGSTEN; COMMERCE FOR ASST SEC BARUCH

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH IS
SUBJ: BIRDF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF.: TEL AVIV 62

1. E/C COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 11 HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSION
WITH LAVIE AND EITAN RAFF CONCERNING BIRDF. IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER GOI IS CONVINCED THAT BLACKMAN
WILL BE A GOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAVIE ANSWERED
AFFIRMATIVELY. HE ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS
BECAUSE OF BLACKMAN'S ATTITUDE AND OPERATING METHODS
EARLIER, BUT HE THOUGHT THESE HAD NOW BEEN RESOLVED.

2. RAFF AND LAVIE WERE BOTH UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
BLACKMAN WOULD BE HIRED AS A USG EMPLOYEE AND ASSIGNED
TO ISRAEL IN A NON-DIPLOMATIC STATUS. E/C COUNSELOR
EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR LEWIS BELIEVED THAT BLACKMAN
SHOULD BE BIRDF EMPLOYEE SO THAT CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND
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TANGLED LINES OF AUTHORITY CAN BE AVOIDED. ISRAELIS WERE
TOLD THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO FINAL DECISION
HAD YET BEEN MADE ON TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT BLACKMAN WILL
BE OFFERED. ISRAELIS SAID THEY FAVORED USG EMPLOYMENT
BECAUSE IT AVOIDED HAVING TO DEFEND HIGH COST OF CONTRACT
TO ISRAELI POLITICAL LEADERS AND ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION AND
IT SOLVED US TAX PROBLEM(SIC).

3CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH RENEWED EMBASSY OFFER
OF COMPLETE AND CLOSE COOPERATION TO ASSIST IN
BIRDF SUCCESS AND PLEDGE BY ISRAELIS TO KEEP US
FULLY INFORMED.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON THE QUESTION OF
BLACKMAN'S EMPLOYMENT. LEWIS

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